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Establishment of the

Mentor

Awards Program in OIT

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2. It is recommended that these awards be given annually in the amount of \$2,500 each. The grades of the nominees should be categorized as follows:

Level I - GS-13 - GS-15

Level II - GS-10 - GS-12

Level III - GS-09 - below

The intention is to make these Awards very competitive and difficult to achieve. It is anticipated that there would be three or four Awards per year. However, there may be years when there are no deserving winners. Our goal is to challenge our employees to step up to the enormous task of Mentoring.

3. The purpose of this Program will be to provide highly visible support to the first strategic objective of OIT: "to develop OIT's most important resource, its personnel." The force behind OIT's success is the commitment to excellence exhibited by its employees. Creating and maintaining such a spirit does not happen spontaneously, a fact underscored in the Agency's credo that we must seek out the best people and <a href="make">make</a> them better. Thus, the Agency's success depends on the actions of individuals who go beyond personal achievements to help others realize their potential. Described alternatively

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as mentors, coaches, and teachers, they help others to develop and improve, to understand the organization's values and objectives, and to accomplish those objectives. These individuals are found at every level of a dynamic organization, but their contributions often go unnoticed except by their immediate co-workers. This award will bring proper recognition to these workers and will emphasize to all employees the significance of the mentor's role.

- 4. Nominees for this award should exemplify many of the following characteristics:
  - o Serves as a role model for others to emulate --- innovative, competent, future-oriented, pragmatic, open to advice from all directions, enthusiastic, and committed.
  - o Personally exemplifies a commitment to excellence in performance of his/her own job (e.g. motivates others by example).
  - o Recognizes the importance of people and, more importantly, works smartly to increase their value to the Agency.
  - o Helps his/her co-workers to become better; brings out the full creative and productive capacities of the individuals in her/his group.
  - o Assists colleagues to learn; helps by actual instruction or by facilitating steady growth of responsibilities.
  - o Demonstrates in measureable ways the ability to recruit, employ, and retain quality employees for his/her unit and the Office. Expends quality time and effort to orientate, brief, and easein new employees. Sustains a real interest in this activity throughout the year.
  - o Demonstrates the ability to infuse the office with a zeal for finding ways to satisfy customers, increases the readiness of subordinates and peers to accept change, and exemplifies the values of the organization.
  - o Demonstrates in meaningful ways the ability to listen, share ideas, and elicit a shared-responsibility environment.
  - o Encourages people to care about what they are doing; inspires them to do it more effectively, with higher quality.

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|      | o Encourages risk taking, supports good tries.  o Encourages a spirit of team play and group excellence. |   |   |   |   |                    |  |  |
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